

Comments directed specifically to Docket ET 03-104:

I am writing to reply to the comments made by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) concerning Docket ET 03-104.

I am in complete agreement with the well-founded comment submitted by ARRL.

I believe the proponents of BPL have little if any credible scientific data to support approval of Docket ET 03-104 at this time.

I believe further research is certainly indicated and vast technological improvements should be required prior to any further consideration or deployment of BPL or similar system. In it's present state, BPL poses the highest-level threat to a vital national resource, our HF spectrum, regardless of the user.

I believe approval of Docket ET 03-104 will violate existing FCC rules on non-interference, will be contrary to the public welfare, and allow a credible threat to national security to exist under certain scenarios.

Comments of a personal nature:

I am 53 years old and have been a licensed amateur radio operator since age 13. My amateur radio call is N5AU. I have held several other calls during my radio career. I am an accountant by trade. I have made a very substantial investment in amateur radio communications equipment over the years. I strive to maintain both my technological and communications abilities by regular participation in amateur radio, and stand ready at a minute's notice to put these skills to work if required. I know there are a great many amateur operators from my generation who do the same. Fortunately, our country has grown strong, so there are few that would dare draw the sword against us. However, there were some who dared on September 11, 2001. There may be others waiting.

Today there seems to be an increasing lack of interest in amateur radio from the younger ranks. Internet communication has become essentially free, fast and easy, requiring minimal skills to conduct. The younger generation has become absorbed by computers and the internet. Perhaps this is why BPL is receiving such attention. Some of them have become very expert in computer technology and should be congratulated. However, the vast majority of them have no idea how to react or what to do when the computers "don't work". I see this every day at my workplace. I shudder to think what would happen to our society in the future if the internet didn't function and immediate communications were vitally needed. Most won't know where to start. Deployment of BPL will assist in the possible demise of amateur radio and make us more and more dependent on computers and the internet. I find it ironic that "BPL" used to stand for "Brass Pounders League". I have been taught many hard lessons in my lifetime about not putting "all your eggs in one basket". You too must know the inevitable results.

Let's learn from history so we are not condemned to repeat it. Please vote "NO" to BPL.